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California State Transportation Agency Secretary Issues Statement on I-5 Tunnel Repair

SACRAMENTO--The California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly today issued the following statement after Caltrans crews completed repairs on the I-5 tunnel near downtown Los Angeles, restoring freeway service in both directions after a tanker fire on Saturday inflicted serious damage inside the tunnel:

"Caltrans worked around the clock from the moment of the explosion until the work was finished and traffic could move again in both directions of Interstate 5," said Kelly.

"Thanks to the rapid response and hard work of Caltrans and its contractors, all lanes on Interstate 5 at SR-2 are now open to traffic."

The new California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) opened its doors on July 1, 2013, carrying out the Governor's government reorganization plan, which included replacing the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) with a new state agency focused solely on transportation. The mission of the California State Transportation Agency is to develop and coordinate the policies and programs of the state's transportation entities to achieve the state's mobility, safety and air quality objectives from its transportation system. The following transportation-related entities now fall under CalSTA: Board of Pilot Commissioners, California Highway Patrol, California Transportation Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, High-Speed Rail Authority, New Motor Vehicle Board, and Office of Traffic Safety. For more information on the California State Transportation Agency visit the Agency's new website at www.calsta.ca.gov

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